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Sens. Stamas and McManus commend efforts to expand 55th circuit

Lansing – State Sens. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, announced that the Senate passed legislation today increasing the judgeships in Clare and Gladwin counties.

The Senate passed House Bill 5480 amending the Revised Judicature Act authorizing the creation of an additional judgeship for the 55th Circuit Court – Clare and Gladwin counties. The 55th Circuit Court currently has only one judge.

"I'm pleased to see the Supreme Court's recommendations taken seriously and proud to see the Legislature pass this bill," Stamas said. "The 55th Circuit Court's caseload has increased significantly and by adding this new position residents in Clare and Gladwin counties will be better served."

HB 5480 will now go to the governor for approval.

"This new judgeship will be a tremendous help to the 55th Circuit Court," McManus said. "I am grateful to my colleagues in the Legislature for supporting this bill, and I look forward to having the governor sign it."